



SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

Minutes for

COMMISSION MEETING

10:30 a.m., March 1, 2019

Location: Conference Room, SC Commission on Indigent Defense, 1330 Lady Street, Columbia, SC

Members Present: Harry Dest (Chair), Billy Epps, Jack Howle, Jr. (phone), Michael Lifsey, Sen. Gerald Malloy, Yvonne Murray-Boyles, John Nichols, Ashley Pennington, Hon. Daniel F. Pieper (phone), Ashlin Potterfield, Walker Willcox (phone)

Members Absent: Hon. Edward B. Cottingham, Rep. Murrell Smith

Staff Present: Hugh Ryan, Hervery Young (phone), Lawrence Brown, Rodney Grizzle

There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2018 quarterly meeting. That motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Oversight Committee Update: Mr. Ryan discussed systems being implemented for screening, anonymous employee feedback and complaints, and Circuit Defender review pursuant to the Committee's recommendations. He also discussed committees set up among the circuit defenders regarding indicators of effective defense, Defender Data input information and Defender Data Reporting capabilities.

FY 19-20 Budget Update: Mr. Ryan reviewed the status of the agency's budget request and the proposed salary increase for circuit public defenders based on the proposed increases in judicial salaries. Senator Malloy discussed the legislative process relating to those increases. Mr. Ryan also informed the Commission that an overall two percent salary increase for state employees appeared on track for passage.

Pending Legislation: General Sessions Docket Bill Update: Mr. Ryan and Chairman Dest outlined pending legislation to address management and control of general sessions dockets and noted that a committee had been formed to draft possible alternative proposals. Senator Malloy discussed the legislative process regarding the legislation.

Family Court Performance Standards Committee Update: Mr. Young provided copies of the proposed Family Court Performance Standards for review by the Commission. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Standards. Chairman Dest seconded the motion, and the it passed by unanimous vote. A copy of the Standards as approved is attached hereto.

Municipal Court Lawsuit Mediation Update: Mr. Ryan provided an update on the status of the lawsuit mediation.

Saluda County Funding: Mr. Ryan discussed options to address Saluda County's reduction in funding of the public defender's office below previous-year levels in contravention of state statute.

Probate Commitments: Mr. Young discussed the agreement for SCCID to process vouchers for the Department of Mental Health, explaining that no SCCID funds would be expended on behalf of DMH, and that the FY19-20 state budget contains a proviso to authorize the agreement. (Copy of Proviso attached)

Training Update: Mr. Brown provided information on the upcoming Juvenile Defense and Public Defense 102 workshops. He also provided an overview of the 2019 state EEO report relating to the agency and explained the EEO process, agency employment goals, and progress in meeting its goals.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Brown
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